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Activity Center:

The BOV has approved a proposal to ask for state funding for a new student activities center.

Presidential Search:

The Presidential Search Committee has narrowed its applicant pool from 140 to 13. This weekend, it will submit 10 names to the BOV.

Elections:

SA elections saw a seven percent increase in voter turnout, some say due to the referendum ballots.

Editorial

Post-misconceptions

So, *The Washington Post* decided to write a news story about MWC as a 75-year-old institute of higher education. It was a nice idea. But the results were less than satisfying.

For one thing, not even the tiniest mention of education was made in the article. We can't help but wonder why *The Post* chose to concern itself solely, if at all, with the social life of Mary Washington. In her (March 16th) article, Ms. Mary Battiatia noted that MWC was named by *Charing Times* to be one of the 50 best, inexpensive schools in the nation—certainly not because our social life is restrictive? More likely, our academics figured in that decision, a subject which marks a gaping hole in Battiatia's article. One quick look at the credentials of our faculty might have led the reporter along the path to a more informative, accurate and, if she had chosen to interview (more than five or six) professors, interesting story.

We wonder why the reporter was content with presenting a negative, biased image of MWC.

The lead paragraph's reference to "little Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg" was unnecessary. Terms like 'big' and 'little' are relative and we believe they should be avoided.

We wonder if all MWC students were wearing glum, miserable faces the day the reporter came to call. What else could have induced her to assume that four obviously unhappy freshmen spoke for the entire student body?

Jennifer Kirby, one of four most unfortunately chosen to speak as an average MWC woman, was quoted as saying, "If I had my way we'd go back to being all-girls," which evidently led to a photo caption: "...many MWC classmates dislike the change... (to coeducation)." MWC became coeducational in 1970. How could students dislike a "change" they never experienced? We suggest instead that most students attend MWC fully aware of its coed status and are pleased with it. Elsewise, they would have had the sense to attend a single-sex college.

Furthermore, it is questionable that "On the Friday afternoon of the 75th anniversary weekend, the dormitory halls resounded with the sounds of suitcases being snapped shut as the weekend flight began." Besides the fact that our residence hall walls are not thin enough for the reporter to have heard such a phenomenon, the campus was relatively full that weekend, due to the 75th anniversary celebrations and a keg party featuring Heiken.

We do not wish to beat this subject to a pulp, especially since the article might seem unoffensive to an outsider, as Battiatia apparently is. It is irritating, however, to see an institution such as ours belittled, portrayed inaccurately, and summed up with a thoughtless snap of the fingers, or click of the pen.

So, while we appreciate the coverage—next time, at this price, we'll say "thanks, but no thanks."

—Jacqueline Conciatore

The Ziggy Syndrome:

Are seniors born losers?

Being a May graduate of Mary Washington has a tendency to make one feel like Ziggy -- the portly cartoon character whom everyone and everything is against. Examples of this phenomenon occur in the most minor and the most meaningful areas, and for this reason tend to obliterate the senior -- not unlike a keg pumper surrounded by drunken guzzlers at 11:30.

The reason for the DSE (disgruntled senior effect) is simply stated: Everything is getting better at MWC now that we're leaving, and things couldn't be much worse on the outside world now that that's where we're destined. Let's start with the positive side of this entirely negative viewpoint -- with only one month to go we are told, after four years of sneaking our "brothers" into the dorm, 24-hour visitation is in effect -- next semester. After gagging on cigarette smoke in Seacobeck, we learn that a non-smoking section will most likely be implemented -- next semester. They're even putting new carpeting in the place, just after we had grown so attached to the moth-eaten stuff of our youth. We patiently roamed the halls of Chandler calmly reminding ourselves that the chipped paint and noisy radiators gave our school "character."

Well, students of tomorrow will be exposed to just as much character (of the leisure variety) when Chandler is promptly remodeled for the semester after our graduation.

To top it all off, and really rub the salt into our wound, Seacobeck has the audacity to offer Cap'n Crunch at breakfast now. What was once a luxury feature reserved for vacations and breaks is now an everyday item. It's enough to make you want to fall your seminar and stick around. (Well, maybe.)

On the negative side (keep in mind I've been talking about all the great stuff at your school) the job hungry members of the class of '83 probably could not have picked a more unfortunate time to graduate. Not to sound bitter or anything, but today's graduates will most likely sell themselves short while tomorrow's economy will allow tomorrow's graduates entry-level executive positions.

O.K., so nothing in life is fair. May '83 graduates needn't bear the proverbial chipped shoulders because the economy is not humming choruses of "Happy Days are Here Again."

But really, if one more freshman girl boasts of the projected male ratio for '84 or rubs one more unemployment ratio in my face, Ziggy had better move over.

—Martha Weber

Letters

Thanks to lobbyists, beer age 19 not 21

To the Editor:

There has been a large amount of concern over the bill recently passed by the Virginia General Assembly which will raise the drinking age for off-premise consumption of beer to 19. I would like to help shed some light on the outcome of that bill for our students.

As most everyone is aware, the drinking age for beer was expected to be raised to 21 across-the-board for both sales and consumption. The 19-year-old age for sales and consumption was reached near the end

of the session as a compromise. The compromise was reached, in large part, because of the efforts of both Mary Washington students and a large number of students from all parts of the state. We all have reason to feel very fortunate for our success.

Although I was disappointed that the age was raised at all, I think the 19-year-old age is one we can all live with. The bill that was passed had no "grandfather clause" though, so if you are not 19 by July 1st, you will not be able to either buy or consume

beer. In addition, our students will be allowed to continue attending keg parties and the pubs, but will not be allowed to drink beer.

I would like to thank the large number of students that helped out in Richmond or took an interest in what our student lobbyists did. Anyone has any questions about different things we worked on, welcome a phone call or a visit.

Sincerely,

Dan Steen, Chairman
SA Lobby Committee

The side The Post didn't show...

To the Editor:

We are writing in response to the article which appeared in the Washington Post, March 16, concerning our campus' social life. We feel the article was incomplete due to the fact that the students interviewed do not speak for the opinions of the entire campus.

We feel the social life is here for the taking, but one cannot take it if he or she does not remain here on the weekends. Students expect an im-

provement in the social life, but how can this happen if people pack their suitcases for other schools?

We were not told that "guys from other schools roll up here all the time." In fact, during orientation, a main point made was that this campus has a very friendly atmosphere. Perhaps if students stayed here more often they would have a chance to meet more people and discover that a social life does exist.

One does not need to turn to other

campuses to look for guys. Although MWC is only 25 percent male, we have met a majority of them through keg and dorm parties and at our on-campus pub. We have found the guys to be very amiable. After a while, who said a college name makes a man? A weekend social life is here but it is only as good as you make it.

Susan Chapman
Kim Jones

Is Mortar Board fair?

To the Editor:

I would like to extend my congratulations to all of those recently selected to the Mortar Board. I am sure they were all deserving of this high honor. However, some unfortunate things have come to light.

It seems that there were some candidates not selected to the Mortar Board who were more qualified in both G.P.A. and activities than some of those who were chosen. I also understand that one of the final qualifications considered was who among the candidates were personally known by members of the Mortar Board and who were not. Since when have personal acquaintances become a qualification to join a society that is supposed to be based on merit?

This obviously puts those candidates who do not know any of the Mortar Board members at a con-

siderable disadvantage.

Why were only 18 people chosen? I understand that up to 35 people can be inducted in a given year. One would think that the Mortar Board would induct all qualified candidates, not just those known to them.

I realize that there has to be a cut off point somewhere, but if there are people left out who are equally qualified as those inducted, more people ought to be admitted. I hardly think that 35 students out of a class of 600 makes the organization any less exclusive.

I realize that it is too late for this year, but I ask next year's Mortar Board to consider the issue. Perhaps this way the Mortar Board can once again be a true honor society.

Sincerely,
Gregory S. Byrd

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Submit your humorous stories, photos, cartoons, etc. to *The Bullet* no later than April 18.

Those who do not contribute will be forced to read the entire exam issue!

We Are Awaiting Your Application!

The positions of Photography, Business and Sports Editors are still unfilled. Submit qualification sheets to *The Bullet* office, ACL 304.

Getting It Straight

In Chuck Borek's article on tradition in the last issue of *The Bullet*, the term "Russell Hall" was mistakenly used. The hall that was intended is large and sits between two male freshmen halls and has a circle named after it, but will not be mentioned. The editors regret this error.

CHRIS GAY

Does government need to worry about sex?

It was interesting to read the reaction of several high school students interviewed by the *Washington Post* to the Administration's new policy on the distribution of contraceptives to minors.

The policy, which probably won't go into effect due to a recent court ruling barring it as subversive of Congress' intent, would require that parents be notified, within ten days, that their child had procured contraceptives, or prescriptions for same, from one of the 5,000 or so federally-funded birth control clinics in the United States.

Predictably, most of the high schoolers opposed the policy, as do most of the students here at Mary Washington. Those in opposition to the Administration's action take offense on several counts, each of which warrants consideration commensurate to the idiocy contained therein.

(1) "Sex and abortion are private matters." Is that right? Fine, then why don't the above malcontents deal with the consequences of their acts in a private manner? Why is it that when it comes to paying for these consequences it becomes a "public" matter, to be paid for with public funds (indeed, with revenue supplied by the taxes of the very parents the teenagers seek to

exclude from the issue)? The consequences of which I speak are twofold: the high incidence of teenage pregnancy and abortion and the response of the government in combating the problem.

Since the purpose of the new policy is to halt the undermining influence such clinics have on the authority of the family, one might ask (in fact, I will) since when has the family, particularly the parents, been considered outside the parameters of that deemed to be private? To hold teenagers independent of their parents is to assume them equally competent in making important decisions concerning their own welfare. Such a tenuous notion accounts for the near extinction of deference in our society, and is self-evidently insane. When government policy reinforces such notions it becomes part of the problem.

(2) "The government is interfering with our right to have sex." No, the government is not interfering with your right to do anything. The relevant question is whether or not you have any such right in the first place. The only actions we have "rights" to are those consequences we are capable of dealing with. It is under this reasoning that we proscribe children from drinking alcoholic beverages or driving automobiles, for examples. Likewise, those not

capable of dealing with an unwanted pregnancy (the logical result of sexual activity, no contraceptive being 100 percent effective) have no right whatsoever to unrestrained sexual activity. The irresponsible sorts who do incur a pregnancy usually resort to abortion as a means of dealing with the problem they have created. They are not dealing with the consequences however, they are eliminating the consequences, out of convenience more than anything else.

(3) "Teenagers are bound to have sex anyway." This self-fulfilling prophecy is indeed true so long as we continue to subsidize, and thus

forementioned prophecy about the inevitable promiscuity of teenagers would not be true if they were acutely aware of what their actions would incur, and what the implications of them would be.

Americans are prone to jumping on to the side of an issue whose effects are easiest to discern. Thus, in this case most rush to the defense of the adolescent's perceived need for contraceptives, as necessitated by their rightful and inevitable sexual activity. The effect which is harder to see is that of government policy which, in providing the means for unrestrained teenage sex, encouraged the very problem it was meant to halt.

The issue is not rights but responsibility.. Responsibility precedes and is prerequisite to our right to do anything.

legitimize the very thing that should be curtailed. Teenagers will also drive under the influence of alcohol and account for 40 percent of the crimes committed in this country. Should we shelter such people from the consequences of these actions too, and thus condone their acts? The issue (which is missed altogether by adolescents, understandably, and by many adults, deplorably) is not, rights but responsibility. Responsibility precedes and is prerequisite to our right to do anything. The

I am always amused to hear self-anointed "secular humanists" make the same sort of arguments as those of the fatuous teenagers the *Post* sees fit to pander to. These delightful folks advocate solutions which are neither secular (free will is conveniently lacking among those who are "bound to have sex" and whose "rights" they seek to protect) nor humane (abortion is self-evidently inhumane).

The problem in discussing this issue is that it always ends up focus-

ing on the false dilemma of whether or not one should resort to abortion. This mentality works from the premise that we have a right to sex (a faulty premise as explained earlier) and that it is as inevitable as the sunrise. The abortion dilemma is false because it ignores the option of abstinence in the first place. Abstinence requires discipline, a concept largely passe.

Defenders of the individual's right to abortion conveniently overlook the rights of the life they dispose of, and who, unlike its irresponsible parents, had no say in the matter from the beginning. The response of such people is that a fetus is not life at all, a view that is the very height of pretention.

Mr. Reagan's position on the abortion question is entirely valid, though his expression of it is quite unintelligible, owing to the fact that his ability to articulate himself is roughly equal to that of a fencepost. What he, and many others, advocate is that since we cannot determine adequately when life begins, we should at least err on the side of life. What I advocate is the cessation of government policies which encourage unrestrained sexual activity among those least responsible for their actions, the inevitable results of which are the many "abortion dilemmas" we should be seeking to avoid.

JIM EMERY

Muscular Dystrophy asks, Dance for those who can't

There is a disease that robs children of the ability to perform ordinary functions of youth: running, throwing, jumping, etc. The disease attacks muscles, gradually weakening them. It begins slowly. First, the child has trouble standing up or going up stairs. Ordinary tasks become grueling exercises. The muscles get weaker and weaker until the child cannot hold a book or piece of cardboard by himself. Soon the child must be carried from bed to bathroom.

The child is restricted to bed, and his back curves and feet turn up and in. The child can't speak, write,

swallow, digest, sneeze, roll over in bed, or even smile - he can do nothing that relies on any muscle function. The mind still operates, however, and the stricken child is trapped in a lifeless body, tormented by the memories, sights and sounds of normal life.

As children suffer, scientist search for cures. For there is no known cure for this horrible disease. No one is even sure what causes the affliction. The disease falls into the broader category of Muscular Dystrophy.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is a voluntary national

health agency aimed at conquering neuromuscular diseases. The MDA does not receive federal aid, nor does it seek or receive fees from patients or their families. The MDA raises money through fundraising events, most notably the Jerry Lewis telethon. Many other fundraising events are sponsored around the country, including Mary Washington College's annual Superdance.

This year, Superdance fell short of its fundraising goal. Rather than looking back with hindsight and criticizing past performance, a new committee is gearing up for next

year's Dance-a-thon (formerly Superdance). Muscular Dystrophy Week is scheduled for October 2 through October 8, to host a variety of fundraising events.

Clubs, residence halls, alumni groups and the local Chamber of Commerce are being invited to participate and sponsor events during M.D. Week. More details will be announced soon. However, it is important to note that M.D. Week is the only event that is supported by all factions of the college community. And all groups contacted have been very enthusiastic about combining resources to raise money for

Muscular Dystrophy. Anyone wanting further information is urged to contact M.D. chairpersons Dana Thomas (373-0179) and Bill Coleman.

All of us in college have much to be thankful for. Good health, mental ability and financial resources (although limited) are what brought us to college.

Muscular Dystrophy victims are trapped in a much crueler world. By sacrificing a little time or money, we can help make life a lot better for thousands of disabled children. Please give to Muscular Dystrophy and give children the hope for a normal life.

CHUCK BOREK

Boy George needs to live up to his looks

There are things that are strange, and then there are things that are strange. Adam Ant is strange; Boy George is strange. Immediately questions arise. Who is this guy, anyway? Is this guy a guy at all?

Boy George is best known as the lead vocalist of Culture Club, a hot new group from the continent who are scorching the charts as well as nightclubs and small arenas around the U.S. He's also known for his (ahem) provocative attire. Some even think he's kinda cute, in a disgusting sort of way.

Culture Club (no, their name is not derived from the group's addiction to penicillin) has taken this fine country of ours by storm. They've done so by the sneaky, underhanded, and quite intelligent combination of two techniques.

Undoubtedly there are people who

will admire this band because of their... uniqueness. One thing I must say, though, Boy George may be confused as to his gender, but that cat's sure got to have balls to walk out in public like that.

Now comes the sneaky part. Culture Club's music is appealing to the mass market. Currently at number 11, these guys are top 40! Incredible. What a vulgar slap in the face to this complacent, capitalistic society of ours. But the fact of the matter is, the group's music isn't a smidgen as weird as Boy George's looks.

Nifty. They've satisfied both crowds. The fundamentalists of the bizarreness cult will applaud their appearance, while the teenie boppers will think of their mainstream sound as nothing less than divinely inspired.

they're going to have to do something to keep the record buying public interested if they are to avoid fading into nothingness like other groups whose contributions to music were highly appealing for a short time, but ultimately shallow

The real challenge for this group will come once their uniqueness wears off. Eventually they'll have to make a transition from unique to broadly interesting. Duran Duran was able to do this by adopting a more mainstream sound.

Trouble is, Culture Club is already somewhat mainstream. Should they opt for being more innovative on their next effort? It'll be interesting to see what happens. If nothing at all happens, chances are Boy George will swiftly be transformed into Boy Who?

ANNE BABER

Cats, gardens turn to tests, papers

The old farm cats crouch in dewy morning gardens awaiting the appearance of a mole or tiny field mouse. Later they pad away bored. Food in dishes served in the granary has more immediacy. Skunk cabbage bulbs looking like exotic African flowers sprout in marshy spots.

On Monday the Spring Flower Show opened downtown. Today it was still crowded, but the blooms springing from the Victorian theme much relieved a gushy mud-season day. Those awful ladies had to touch all of the palms and cacti in the permanent exhibit and talk loudly in their crass accents where before the only sound had been the dripping of a fountain onto lush lilies.

This morning winter-wooly cows with tall clean ears chewed their hay, looking sideways but occasionally. In summer their curly fur will be thinner and their tummies muddy and their backs grass-stained. Only calves seem clean, and then but for a few days. They too collect dirt. By late fall, they moo in drunkenness when orchard apples ferment in their great stomachs.

Tomorrow is reality again. A paper due Tuesday, a test Thursday and no time to think. Neatly mown lawns and pruned dogwoods, Seaboeck salads and those damn squirrels. It's spring again.

What's up for '84

Plans set for new student center

by JANICE CONWAY

The Mary Washington College Board of Visitors has approved a proposal to seek state funding for construction of a student activities center. The \$1.5 million proposal is the first priority among auxiliary enterprise projects.

Library renovation and construction, an educational and general project, ranks first among all proposals in the 1984-86 biennium budget approved by the BOV, March 14.

The BOV's approval of the activities center plan is based on recognition of the college's need for a facility large enough to accommodate the entire student body. Currently, only a small part of the student body can be accommodated for an indoor social event.

Preliminary building plans call for the construction of a 22,000 square foot, 3,000 person capacity building on land available between Mercer and duPont Hall.

"Such a center would enable

students to plan and attend a variety of activities," explained Dean of Students Joanne Southworth. "Capacity would be large enough so that the student body could feel it could attend as a student body, rather than in shifts," she added.

Since the facility will be used only for social events, the capital outlay budget proposal indicates that the construction would be simple, to include a one-level structure with a concrete slab floor, painted concrete walls and a paved deck area outdoors. In addition, these construction plans would provide an additional 200 parking spaces much needed for social events, as well as student parking.

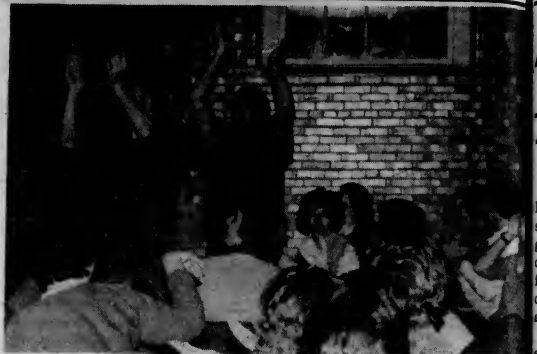
According to Richard L. Miller, Vice President for Business and Finance, the entire \$40 million budget proposal which includes the activities center plan will be presented to the state government Thursday. However, a decision will not be made until the General

Assembly votes on the budget (along with all other state college and university budgets) next March.

If approved in March, planning would take a year's time, from July 1, 1984 until July 1, 1985. Construction would follow with completion of the project expected in June 1986. "The Richmond process is long and drawn out," Miller explained.

Quite pleased with the BOV's decision, Student Association President Anne Thompson attributed the approval to several factors. She believes that the student's handling of the situation through the proper channels has proved to the administration and the BOV that they are a responsible group.

"This handling then has made the Board more inclined to make the campus more of what the students want it to be," Thompson said. "The administration has also come to bat for the students in this regard. Together they are doing all they can for the students," she added.



Even with the addition of the Pub at MWC, students still need space, a problem that may be solved with the new student activities center planned.

Students vote down fraternity issue, give go-ahead on 24-hour visitation question

by BETHANNE DAUGHTREY

Mary Washington's Student Association elections witnessed a 7 percent increase in voter turnout this year over the 1982 election, an increase present SA officers attributed partially to referendums on 24-hour visitation and campus fraternities included on the ballots.

Thirty-two percent of the 2500 full-time students eligible to vote turned out at the polls for final elections March 9 compared to a 25 percent turnout in 1982. Last year, 625 students voted compared to this year's 808.

SA President-elect Dan Steen said the four-candidate Honor Council President race and the election's heavy publicity also aided in boosting turnout. "I am very happy about the increase," Steen said. "I feel it indicates the students' continued interest in what is happening on campus."

In that preliminary and Katie Werner received 15 percent, or 141 votes. Both Carswell and Werner are running in next week's election for class Honor Court representatives.

In the three-way race for Campus Judicial Chairman, narrowed to two in preliminaries, Kerry Devine won in 53 percent, or 410 votes, and in the final election. Contender Kim Slayton pulled in 47 percent, or 360 votes, in finals.

In preliminaries, Devine received 35 percent, or 319 votes, and Slayton received 34 percent, or 307 votes, putting them ahead of Donna Beck's 31 percent, or 288 votes. Approximately 468 students voted in this year's preliminary election. Not to be left out of the process, Beck is running for Judicial Court representative in next week's elections.

The race for SA vice president pitted Kim Holcomb victorious over

"It won't make any difference in the future," Harris explained. "It was really just a matter of grammar. Presently, 'districts' are interpreted differently in different halls. It could refer to individual floors within the hall of the hall as a whole."

Wendy Stone, chairman of the Senate Rules and Procedures Committee, said the election saw no major problems. "There were a few nicks, but they were filled in pretty good," she said. "A few things need to be changed for next year, but every year we learn where we can improve."

Stone added she was, however, disappointed in low commuting student turnout and in low return of absentee ballots. With balloting set up in the Commuting Students' Lounge during preliminaries and finals, Stone reported 15 voters in the first election and 30 in finals. Ten

"Now with issues like 24-hour visitation, we can really back up our suggestions with proof of genuine student support," Campus Judicial Chairman-elect Kerry Devine says.

The first major ballot question on whether students favor fraternities and sororities here was defeated with 60.5 percent, or 454 votes, against such groups at MWC and 39.5 percent, or 296 votes, in favor of the proposal.

The second major ballot questions on adding 24-hour visitation as another lifestyle option on campus passed with 83 percent, or 623 votes, in favor of the addition and 17 percent, or 131 votes, in opposition.

The four-candidate race for Honor Council President saw James Miller defeat Betsy Carswell in the final election with 56 percent, or 441 votes, over Carswell's 44 percent, or 339 votes. Miller and Carswell topped two other contenders in the preliminary election March 7 with 33 percent (309 votes) and 28 percent (257 votes) respectively. Ford Jones brought in 24 percent, or 227 votes,

Monique Gormont. Holcomb tipped the scales with 53 percent, or 406 votes, compared to Gormont's 47 percent, or 354 votes.

In the three uncontested races, Dan Steen was voted in as SA president with 729 votes, Jennifer Boone was elected Lobby Chairman with 702 votes and Kathy Gibbons was selected Academic Affairs Chairman with 714 votes.

A third ballot question was defeated with 70 percent of voters opposed to not using districts within residence halls for Senate representation. Current SA Vice President Scott Harris, as president of the Senate, said the constitutional change would, in reality, hardly mean any rearrangement in the way senators work now. Harris attributed the revision's defeat to inadequate explanation among student voters.

absentee ballots were returned for preliminaries and about 25 were returned for finals out of the 70 distributed to all students with internships, Stone said. No one contacted her for absentee ballots because of illness or other reasons for leaving campus, she added.

Campus Judicial Chairman-elect Kerry Devine said she was extremely pleased with voter turnout, especially with the ballot questions included in the polling. "Now with issues like 24-hour visitation, we can really back up our suggestions with proof of genuine student support," she explained.

With installations for new officers on April 13, the winners are now learning the details of their duties through close training with present office holders. "As of installations, it's their ball game," Scott Harris explained.

MWC presidential search narrows to 10 candidates

by KATHY McDONALD

The process of searching for a president to fill the vacancy left by the death of Dr. Prince B. Woodard has been time consuming but very interesting, said Vice President for Continuing Education Ray Merchant, chairman of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee.

"It has been stimulating to meet and interview candidates for the office," Merchant said. Their different approaches to the responsibilities of the job have revealed many new ideas which can be incorporated into Mary Washington as an institution."

The presidential search was initiated by the Board of Visitors who accepted nominations from administration, faculty, alumni and the student association. From these nominations, the BOV selected a Presidential Search Advisory Committee. The committee advertised the position for MWC president in the *New York Times* and the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, and various other magazines in addition to writing letters to all senior institutions for higher education to gather nominations for the office.

The deadline for applications was March 1, 1983, and the Committee received 140 applications, Merchant said. Applications included a letter, summary of educational experience and personal education and a minimum of three references. "The Committee's function was to review each candidate and re-evaluate those

that looked promising," Merchant explained.

At this time, the number of candidates has been narrowed to 13. By April 8, 1983, the committee must submit no more than 10 names to the BOV who will then make the final review and selection. The board will interview the candidates some time in April. The date of the final selection announcement is uncertain, Merchant said. The date must be one acceptable to both the BOV and the successful candidate, he explained.

Concerning the pool of candidates that applied, Merchant was unable to comment on whether anyone from within MWC's present administration has applied or on the number of blacks that applied. He did say, however, that 16 percent of the applicants were women.

More women may have been nominated but did not pursue nomination, and some women were interviewed in the narrowing down process," he said. "The applicants are a very diverse group in terms of the academic fields they represent although they all hold doctorates in their fields," Merchant added.

Merchant was unable to give a specific date on the BOV selection or when they will announce their decision, although they will be meeting sometime before graduation.

The new president may take office as early as July 1, 1983, depending on his or her prior commitments, Merchant said.

Phi Beta Kappa picks new members

Twenty-three Mary Washington College students have been elected to membership in the College's Kappa Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa for distinguished scholastic achievement.

Juniors elected are Susan Lynn Albert of Blacksburg; Charlotte Jones of Suffolk; Jacquelyn Doreen Manger of Virginia Beach; Melanie Gay Stith of Gainesville; and Karen Anita Warren of Temple Hills, Maryland.

Seniors elected are Victoria Leigh Beane and David Ari Petersen of Manassas; Maren Lillian Bogen of Westwood, NJ; Lawrence David Boosong of Charlottesville; Pamela Victoria Bowden of Alexandria;

Janet Leah Epling and Jessica Lynn Waugh of Salem; Patricia Ann Garnett and Jean Burney Poudrier of Fredericksburg; David Scott Hardin and Mary Shui Yee of Springfield; Elizabeth Anna Pickral of Lexington; Anne Marie Smith of Chester; Virginia Carolyn Sydnor of Farnham; Martha Elizabeth Trotter of Midlothian; Sharon Teresa Utz of Etlan; Darryl Lawrence White of Warrenton; and Teresa Ann Wybersky of Woodbridge.

These students were initiated, Wednesday, March 29. The guest speaker of the Phi Beta Kappa Lecture was Hildy Parks, writer, producer and Alumna Member of Kappa of Virginia (1981).

Anniversary celebrates MWC's past 75 years

75th brings college, community together

by KATHY McDONALD

The weekend-long celebration of Mary Washington's 75th anniversary, March 11 through March 14, gained MWC a lot of recognition and drew support from all quarters. The festivities included voice and dance concerts, an art exhibit, a parade and a formal ball.

MWC's birthday celebration ended with a convocation honoring everyone responsible for the college's success, from the alumni to the present student body, from past presidents to the present administration and faculty. Special tributes were paid to the late Dr. Prince B. Woodard in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the college as president.

"It was a marvelous celebration which showed Mary Washington at its best," said Acting President William M. Anderson Jr. "It obviously helped the institution from a public relations standpoint since we received tremendous press coverage."

Joining special guests Governor Charles S. Robb and Librarian of Congress Daniel Boorstin in commemoration of MWC's 75 years as an outstanding liberal arts college was the community of Fredericksburg. "Along with Gov. Robb we salute the college. Its future looks even brighter than its past. In the coming months as MWC continues to celebrate its 75th anniversary, we'll make suggestions for how the college and community can work more closely together," said an editorial in the *Free Lance-Star* during the celebration week.

The College-Community Orchestra and MWC's dance company were also applauded in that newspaper, recognizing the artistic talents of the college.

"I thought the tremendous turnout of the citizenry of Fredericksburg showed that there is a positive tie between the college and the community," Anderson said.

Dr. George M. Van Sant, who has been a professor at MWC for 25

years, and who served as chairman of the Founders Weekend Committee, said "I was delighted with the weekend. It was a wonderful way to celebrate our birthday."

"There were all kinds of things happening from the parade to the ball and Convocation. The weekend was only a success because the students, faculty, administration and the physical plant staff worked overtime to make it work. The professors and alumni were wonderful to work with, and the involvement of the students and staff made the weekend a real bringing together of the college as a community," he added.

Anderson's sentiments were similar: "This weekend clearly demonstrated that Mary Washington is a community in the truest sense. It showed that we work very effectively as a team, and that students, faculty and administrators all have a great deal of respect for each other."



The seniors who marched in the Founders Day parade looked like they could use a few lessons.
photo by MARY ANN CROMLEY

Composer relates story of career

Dello Joio devoted to miracle of music

by DARLENE YOUMANS

Renowned composer Norman Dello Joio put this and other questions to his listeners during Meet the Composer Day, March 10.

To Dello Joio, the question of the absence of music is one which he has dedicated his life to, yet one to which he hopes never to learn the answer. Dello Joio has committed himself to ensuring that music never disappears by keeping the world inundated with his musical creations.

Music is "an intercommunications with the world" to Dello Joio. It is "a miracle... its effect is so highly emotional, even though it's not saying something, but it's unutterable..."

Dello Joio began his professional music career as a 14-year-old organist in New York City, but he claims to have been a keyboardist from such an early age that he cannot even remember his first lessons. Organ playing did become an important part of Dello Joio's life, but he soon realized that putting notes together to create music enthralled him even more than playing the organ.

Like many New York City boys, however, Dello Joio was fond of playing baseball, too. A turning point of his life occurred when he was nearly drafted by the New York Giants. "It

was pretty heavy stuff," he reflects, although he said he realized he was a good ball player but would never be great. Besides this, he added with a laugh, "My mother was against it because of my musician's fingers."

And so Dello Joio decided to try his hand at composing, although now he admits, he "wasn't quite aware of all the ramifications of being a composer and all the perils which that profession entails."

Thus was a colorful tale of a struggling composer related to the audience: a young man searching, not for meaning in life, as music already was his meaning, but for success as a major American talent.

Dello Joio did gain some early recognition for his ballet theatre compositions. He says he then began to realize his goal: "I began making a living at doing what I wanted to do—write music." But the best was yet to come for Dello Joio.

One night the composer received what he believed to be a prank phone call from one of his friends. "Aw, c'mon, Sidney," Dello Joio moaned as he heard the "fake" accent on the other end of the phone. Much to the composer's surprise, the voiced actually belonged to Leopold Stokowsky, one of the most famous symphony conductors of the day. Stokowsky was very interested in

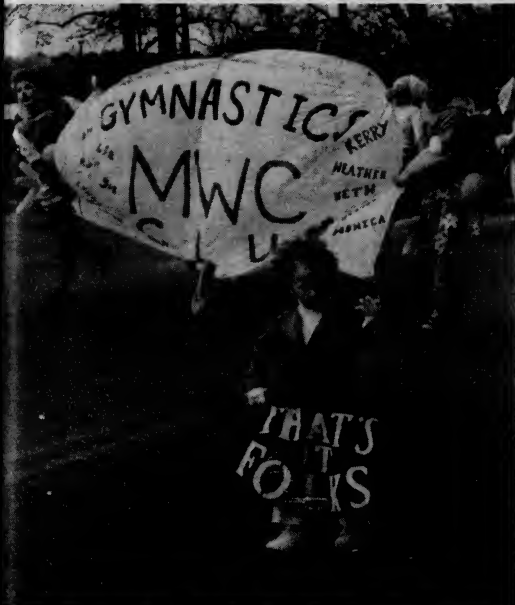
Dello Joio's work and said he would like to conduct one of his pieces with the Pittsburgh Symphony. Dello Joio said he was overjoyed.

The outcome of this experience has proved important to Dello Joio over the years, although initially he was upset about the performance of his piece. The audience was indifferent, and afterwards, a woman came to Dello Joio and asked, "What is the reason I do it? For myself? For others?"

Now, he said, he realizes that composing is "not simply for self-gratification. There is a certain ethical meaning to it. Music is a kind of miracle: it has the capacity for bringing people together. We could all drop dead tomorrow, but music will still be there."

Realizing the answer to the woman's question took time for Dello Joio, but success soon followed. He won the Pulitzer Prize for music in 1957, and has received honor after honor for his musical successes.

Hard work is and always has been a large part of Dello Joio's life. Today, when the 70-year-old Dello Joio is not conducting, he lives in East Hampton, New York, where he writes music. And he said, "That's what I'll be doing 'til the end of my days."



MWC's Founders Day parade had a little bit of everything -- from robed academicians to clowns to little folks.
photo by MARY ANN CROMLEY

Don't miss what spring brings

The SA Entertainment Committee proudly announces the spring concert for 1983. *The Psychedelic Furs* and *The Divinals* plus a special guest will perform in Dodd Auditorium on Thursday, April 14. Ticket information will soon be available.

Van Winckel, 42 year MWC veteran, has works shown

In keeping with the attractions of the 75th Anniversary celebration, the Art Department presented a memorial exhibit of the works of the late Dorothy D. Van Winckel, Professor Emeritus of Art.

The show, entitled "A Restrospective Exhibition of Works," ran from March 3 to March 17 in duPont galleries.

The exhibit consisted of VanWinckel's watercolors, pastels, pencils,

lithographs, wood engraving, pen and ink, oils, and linoleum cuts. As evidenced by the collection, the artist was versatile and covered a broad range of genre and media. Van Winckel's art work was known for its "exuberant color, pattern and shape, and pensive portraits." Occasionally she broke away and her art became humorous in satirical reactions to people.

The VanWinckel exhibit consisted

of several donated pieces as well as some which were available for sale.

Dorothy D. VanWinckel taught Art at MWC for 42 years between 1926 and 1968. She was the Art Department chairman for several years, and her teaching career culminated with the honorable professor emeritus distinction.

She died on February 10, 1983.

Campus news

Dining Hall Committee plans to improve Seacobeck

by KATHY McDONALD

"Flowers on the tables at Seacobeck? Maybe white linen dinner napkins and candlelight dining are next?"

Probably not, but while we have been trudging through a mid-semester slump, Seacobeck workers and the Dining Hall Advisory Committee have been working to make Seacobeck dining more pleasurable.

The committee, chaired by sophomore Monique Gormont, is responsible for encouraging voiced suggestions, ideas and recommendations from the student body concerning the operation of the dining hall. The Advisory Committee consists of two students from each of the four classes, two dining halls student employees, Resident Hall Director Beatrice Keleher, Dean of Students Joanne Southworth, Director of Food Services Gordon Inge and Vice-president for Business and Finance Richard Miller. The purpose of the committee is to receive and act on student input in order to maintain the finest possible food service at Mary Washington.

Already improvements due to the committee's work are visible. The

changes made in response to student suggestions include the offering of Sugar-Free Sprite, low-calorie salad dressing, a greater variety of breakfast cereals and fruit juice at all meals. In addition, students are now allowed to use trays during Continental Breakfast and a toaster is available for use all day. The group has also tried to improve the atmosphere in the dining hall by placing flowers on every table.

Two subcommittees have been formed within the larger committee to further investigate ideas presented by students.

The first subcommittee is working to encourage smoker courtesy in the dining halls. The committee intends to explore the possibility of dividing a room into smoking and non-smoking sections, on a trial basis. If student reaction is positive, a non-smoking policy may be formulated for next year.

Another concern of this subcommittee is the use of existing cloakrooms for students to store

books and coats during meals. The cloakroom in the dome room with its entrance to the right of the fireplace is now available for student use. The rooms downstairs at the entrance to the Rose Room may also be used to store books and hang coats. The committee is also investigating the possibility of constructing shelves in the Dome Room to cure the storage problem.

The second subcommittee, the Dining Hall Service Committee, is presently concerned with the availability of a bulletin board and suggestion box for student use. The committee encourages students to

use the bulletin board outside the Rose Room to post announcements. The committee is discussing the possibility of putting a bulletin board in the Dome Room as a more central location. A suggestion box is being constructed by the Physical Plant and will be placed near the fireplace in the Dome Room. All students are encouraged to make use of the suggestion box to voice their ideas.

The subcommittee is assisting ARA in preparing a food preference sheet to poll students about what foods they like best.

The members are preparing a newsletter for next semester containing nutrition information.

The committee is considering plugging in music in the dining rooms during non-peak hours and a "Recipes from Mom" contest. The contest would allow students to submit favorite recipes to be judged by ARA on the basis of their value, cost, preparation and feasibility. The winning recipe would be prepared for all students.

"The Dining Hall Committee has thus far provided ARA with positive ideas and constructive criticism," Inge said. "I hope this feedback from the students will continue."

All students are welcome to sit in on the meetings and work on the committees.

Chandler may reach completion by July

by WHITNEY HARGRAVE

Though the contract deadline for the renovation of Chandler Hall is set for early August, Director of the Physical Plant L.E. McMenamin said construction is progressing well.

"We anticipate its completion before then, possibly late June or early July," he explained.

The interior of Chandler has been almost entirely reconstructed. The only remaining parts of the building are the shell, the floors, and the load-bearing walls which actually support the weight of the building.

The main hallways will be the same, but the rooms will be very different. Each professor will have his or her own office, restrooms have been put on the upper floors, an elevator has been installed, a small lecture room has been constructed in

the basement, and the A-V facilities have been expanded. The building has also been made accessible to the handicapped.

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean Mary Ann Burns is in charge of the interior decoration of the building. The color scheme is a dusty rose and the decor is "a combination of old and new," said Burns. Most of the student desks will be refinished and some of the professors want to keep their old furniture. The offices will also have cathedral-style ceilings sloping from the windows down to the opposite walls with alcove bookcases.

The building has been wired for video-computer capability. "We feel we may need the computer, even if not right away, so we're ready," said Burns. Also, since the student desks are the same, the money that would

have been used for student desks could be used for video equipment, Burns said.

Regarding the students and faculty of the departments housed in Chandler, Burns said, "I compliment them on their acceptance of the inconvenience."

Currently, only the finishing touches have to be completed on Chandler. Some walls and ceilings have to be put up, doors must be hung and the interior painting and other interior finishes are still to be completed. Also, the exterior painting and landscaping must be done.

Though the work may be completed by late June, no summer courses will be held there. The professors will move in after summer session is over, and classes for the fall semester will be listed in the track books to be held in Chandler.

You rang?

Mary Washington College announces that its Code-A-Phone is now in operation. According to Paulette S. Watson, Director of Public Relations, callers may dial 899-4086 any time of the day or night and hear a recorded message describing upcoming events at the college.

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History series focuses on 20th century

20th Century Turning Points: Dates That Shaped Our Destiny is the title of the spring lecture series being offered by the Department of History and American Studies at Mary Washington College.

The first lecture was held Wednesday, March 30 by Dr. Richard H. Warner, Associate Professor of History at MWC, titled "The Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and the Outbreak of World War I."

Other lecture in the series will be

held on the following Mondays and Wednesdays:

Monday, April 4: The Stock Market Crash and the Advent of the Great Depression, Arthur L. Tracy, Associate Professor of History, MWC.

Wednesday, April 6: Hitler's Seizure of Power and the Rise of Nazi Germany, Porter L. Blakemore, Assistant Professor of History, MWC.

Monday, April 11: Hiroshima and the Dawn of the Atomic Age, Michael W. Messmer, Assistant Pro-

fessor of History, VCU.

Wednesday, April 13: The BROWN Decision and the Civil Rights Revolution, William B. Crawley Jr., Professor of History, MWC.

The lectures, free and open to the public, are part of the college's year long celebration of its 75th Anniversary. All of the critical historical events which will be the subjects of the lectures have occurred since MWC was founded.

All lectures will be held in Monroe 104 at 7 p.m.

MWC stages nuclear crisis Iliad dramatized

The International Relations Club (IRC) is presenting "FIREBREAKS," an international crisis simulation, during the third week of April as part of a nuclear awareness program.

Ground Zero, a nuclear freeze advocate organization, has declared April to be Nuclear Awareness month and as part of this, they have made available crisis simulation kits for interested organizations. As part of its program, the IRC has also tentatively scheduled three speakers to present differing views on the present strategic nuclear situation.

The mock crisis is based loosely on government crisis management simulations, but the emphasis has been modified. Rather than portraying the crisis decision making process in a technically correct fashion, the simulation is designed to stimulate learning and discussion

about crisis and different foreign policy options facing world leaders. The simulation will not focus on weapon systems as much as on the broader context of international relations. Participants do not need any background in foreign affairs.

Participants in the simulation will be split into an American and a Soviet team. Each team will represent an advisor group and their nation's leaders. They will be presented with a situation summary of the world as of April 1988. They will then be given a situation and several policy options. The teams will discuss which policy they advocate, and make their recommendation. Their decision may or may not be accepted by their country's leaders. Four decision points will be presented to the teams.

The mock crisis will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 23.

"The Death of Hector," a one-man dramatization of book 22 of *The Iliad* will be presented at Mary Washington College tonight.

Frank F. Fowle, III calls himself "The Bard" because he relates the deeds of heroes, as the ancient bards did. "A true bard is an inspired dramatic performer," says Fowle. "He must take and hold the attention of his audience or he fails. To succeed his performance must reach... a height of emotional intensity..."

Fowle has made over 300 appearances in over 40 states with his performances of *The Iliad* and other classics, receiving rave notices which describe his act as "brilliant," "superb," and "sophisticated."

The dramatization, sponsored by the Department of Classics, Philosophy and Religion, will take place in Monroe Hall, room 104 at 7:30. It is free and open to the public.

Forsyth leads MWC in relay

by DAVID LYNCH

Two first place finishes by Martha Forsyth highlighted the Mary Washington College track and field team effort at the second annual Battleground Relays this weekend.

Forsyth claimed first in both the women's 3000 (10:43.6) and 5000 (18:13.08) meter run. The two times also broke the existing school standards for each event.

Freshman Brendan McCarthy established a new school record in the men's 3000 meter steeplechase with a time of 10:03.57 to earn him sixth place in the event.

The women's distance medley relay team, consisting of Terry Hudachek, Marlene Moreno, Beth Odell and Leslie Ballais, finished second with a time of 12:40.04. Hudachek also placed in the 1500 meter run, finishing third with a time of 4:56.60.

Mary Davenport finished third in the high jump (5'0") and fifth in the 100 meter hurdles (16:58). Janette Litchfield finished fifth in the high jump with an effort of 4'8".

Deborah Andrejack garnered two fifth places in the javelin (97'44") and the 400 meter hurdles (1:13.88).

Marc Levesque, Jeff Carter, Terry Rose and Dennis Clayton raced to a fourth place finish in the men's sprint relay with a time of 3:39.47.

Rose grabbed two fifth place finishes in the long jump (20'7¼") and the men's 110 meter hurdles (15:58).

Rounding out the Blue Tide top finishers in the meet, Michael Noriega finished fifth in the pole vault (12'6"), and Scott Fowler finished fifth in the hammer throw with a toss of 118'10".

"(Martha) Forsyth had two good

racers," commented MWC Coach Rick Wagenaar, "but I was unable to watch the others closely because I was responsible for making sure the meet went as scheduled."

The meet, the main event of the MWC track season, featured participants from 28 college and universities, including in-state rivals such as Roanoke College, Christopher Newport College and Liberty Baptist College. Also on hand were the Naval Academy, Leigh University, Frostburg State College and Towson State University.

The meet, a two-day affair, was marred by bad weather on Saturday as the participants were forced to run under cloudy skies, cold winds, and at times, pouring rain.

"The wind probably affected the performances the most," said Wagenaar.



Maryana Garges races down the field in the Alumni-Varsity lacrosse match held as part of MWC's 75th anniversary activities.

Tide hangs on for lax win

by DAVID LYNCH

Sophomore Dede McGuinness scored three goals to lead the Mary Washington lacrosse team to a 10-9 victory over Randolph-Macon at the Battleground, March 30.

According to MWC Coach Meg Kintzing, a good fast break helped the Tide build its halftime lead to 6-0.

In the second half, the Blue Tide built a 10-3 lead before having to hang on for the victory.

Mary Buckley, Trish Long and Cathy Collier contributed two goals apiece to aid in the team's victory. For the Yellow Jackets, Nancy

Sebeck, almost the whole offensive effort for Randolph-Macon, scored six goals.

Kintzing added, "It wasn't the best lacrosse I've seen, but we won and that's what's most important."

MWC, now 3-0 pending yesterday afternoon's match with James Madison University, will travel to Bridgewater College, April 7, for a 3:30 match. Then the squad returns to host Sweet Briar College in a 4 p.m. contest, April 8, and on April 10, MWC hosts the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Frostburg State College starting at 11 a.m.

INTRAMURALS POLL

In order to help provide the best intramural program possible, student output is needed to alter this year's program to fit the students' needs. Please give the following questions some thought and return your response to Tom Carr ACL-19.

1. Have you participated in intramural? If so, what?
2. Do you like the ability of making up your own team?
3. What do you like or dislike about intramurals?
4. Are there any changes you would like see be made?
5. Would you like more co-ed activities.
6. What other activities would you like to be included in the intramural program?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

A street festival will kick off the last leg of the Tour of America bicycle race, a world-class sporting event, April 10 in the heart of Fredericksburg's historic district.

Live entertainment, clowns, games, food, and drink will fill the 900 block of Caroline Street Saturday April 9 and Sunday April 10 as Fredericksburg celebrates the first Tour of America. CBS "Sports Sunday" will broadcast taped and live coverage of the first two days of the race, the Fredericksburg start, and the live finish in Washington, D.C.

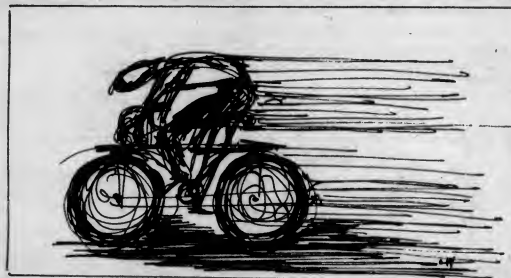
Health and fitness will be the theme of the street festival with skill challenge matches, exercise and dance demonstrations that will encourage audience participation, and karate exhibitions. Live music, from bluegrass to barbershop quartets to jazz, will be played throughout each day of the festival, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Tour of America is a three-day open road race that pits 15 five-man teams in daily trials, individual sprints, and an overall championship with \$100,000 in total prize monies.

The race begins April 8 in Virginia Beach and continues to Williamsburg. On the second day, it moves from Williamsburg to Richmond and concludes with the Fredericksburg start and Washington, D.C. finish, coinciding

with the Cherry Blossom Festival in the nation's capital.

The 75 competing cyclists will arrive at the Fredericksburg Bicentennial Visitor Center about 10:30 a.m. April 10 to prepare for the final and



most demanding portion of the Tour of America.

The cyclists will speed away from the visitor center after a Civil War artillery unit signals the beginning of the last leg of the race. The riders will continue down Caroline Street in Fredericksburg's historic district, and then north to Washington, D.C.

Activities Saturday in Fredericksburg will be highlighted at 12 noon by the City Council-Downtown Merchants challenge matches, where the teams will vie for mastery in an egg race, wheelbarrow

SPORTS CALENDAR

April 6 -- Tennis (men): Lynchburg College 3:30.
Riding: at Longwood 12:00
Track (men): Newport News Apprentice School, Lynchburg College

April 7 -- Golf: at Bridgewater College 1:00

April 8 -- tennis (men): st Gallaudet College 3:00

April 8-10 -- Tennis (women): MALTA Tournament at Mary Baldwin

April 9 -- Track (men and women): at Christopher Newport Invitational

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Revised parking restrictions force MWC underclassmen off the streets

by DEONA HOUFF

College police say they are "enforcing a college regulation, not a law" and thus have jurisdiction to ticket those freshmen and sophomores who do not adhere to new parking regulations that went into effect March 28.

The regulations, which prohibit weekday red decal parking in the physical plant parking lot, on College Avenue, on Sunken Road and the streets perpendicular to them, came at the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Campus Parking Committee.

Acting President William Anderson appointed the committee in February to study the parking problem. Of the 2,333 cars registered on campus as of November, 1982, 1,031 belong to commuters. Residential students have almost 600 cars registered while faculty and staff have 727. By subtracting 600 cars because of night students and faculty who have two cars registered, the committee says that on a normal weekday, over 1,800 cars are parked in or around campus.

The committee has suggested red

decal parking at the Battleground Complex or on Hanover Street. College police say more cars are parked at the Battleground Complex each day.

Karl Liebert, a commuting student serving on the committee, says the new regulations are the first in a possible multi-step procedure. Only one other student, an upperclassman, is on the committee.



Chairman A.R. Merchant, Vice President for Continuing Education, says the committee asked the Student Association to provide three student members. The six other members are of the faculty or staff.

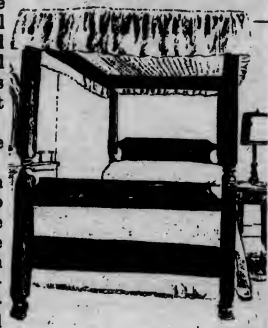
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